

HULL OF S.R. M'GEAN SEEN NEAR CARRUTHERS
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Tillsonburg Women Murdered in California—Market for Old Boys Shows—Financial Prospect Looking Brighter—Sir Hugh Graham Refuses to Tell Who Owns Montreal Herald—Controllers Will Rescind City Closing Bylaw. U.S. Congress Considers Abolition of Panama Toll Exemptions.

SIR HUGH REFUSES TO TELL
WHO OWNS MONTREAL HERALD

Editor MacNab Scorns His Explanation That Counsel Advised Against It—Says Sir Hugh Graham Does Not Always Take Advice as To His Actions.

Quebec, Feb. 6.—This morning the committee of the legislative council, probing the Montreal Mail graft allegations, was called upon to devote several hours to listening to a number of questions framed with a view of deciding the ownership of the Montreal Herald to the new proprietor of which its late editor, Edward Peck, says he unsuccessfully offered the disclosures of the Burns detectives before taking them to the Mail. Mr. Peck yesterday declined to answer a question as to who the proprietor was, and Sir Hugh Graham, proprietor of the Montreal Star, was asked to attend and give evidence. A number of questions on the ownership of the paper were put to Sir Hugh, several by B. A. MacNab, for twenty-five years editor of the Montreal Star, and now editor of the Mail, but the committee decided that Sir Hugh need not answer them because the matter was not pertinent to the problem being investigated.

[Canadian Press.]
Quebec, Feb. 6.—The Upper House graft inquiry started this morning a change in lawyers was noted.

CONTRACTORS BUY
M'CORMICK SITE
FOR BUILDING LOTSProperty on Grand Avenue
Sold For \$25,000 to
Copp Brothers.

The residence of the late Thomas McCormick, on Grand avenue, has been sold to Messrs. William and Thomas W. Copp, building contractors, 32 Byron avenue, and the house will be torn down in order that the property may be cut up into building lots. In the neighborhood of \$25,000 was paid for the property.

William Copp made the announcement to The Advertiser this afternoon, and stated that the purchasers intended making a high-class building subdivision out of the property.

Ready To Consider Offer.
"We propose to lay it out in the form of a crescent," said Mr. Copp, "and to beautify the property in such a way that the best classes of houses will be constructed upon it. It seems a positive pity to tear down the house, which is one of the finest in the city, and in an excellent state of repair. Of course, we would be prepared to consider any proposition that might be made to us by any local body to purchase the property."

Five Acres of Land.
The McCormick property comprises a dwelling, brick stables and about five acres of land. It was built by the late Thomas McCormick for residential purposes, but has been unoccupied for some time. The board of education had an option on the property at \$24,000, but failed to exercise it, and a few days ago notified the owners that it was off. It having been decided to purchase a number of lots in the rear of the property, as a site for the new city avenue district school.

A University Site.
The McCormick property has also been mentioned as a site for the new Western University buildings, and there is a possibility that the board of governors may now open negotiations for this purpose.

William Copp told The Advertiser that the price paid for the property was in the neighborhood of \$25,000, but he declined to state the exact price.

GALT MANUFACTURING PLANT
GUTTED IN EARLY MORNING

About \$200,000 Damage Done to Shurley-Dietrich Factory—Surrounding Property Saved By Hard Work—Pump Worked Well.

[Canadian Press.]

Galt, Feb. 6.—Fire, which broke out about 4 o'clock this morning in the works of the Shurley Dietrich, Limited, saw and bed manufacturers, gutted practically the whole plant, which covers the greater portion of a block. Only a solid brick warehouse, recently erected, remains, the rest of the building, not so solidly built, having burned like tinder. Although at one time it was thought the solid stone office would be saved, the fire got in and it was gutted. It is expected the loss will reach about \$200,000, and 150 men will be thrown out of work.

The flames swept through the extensive works in half an hour. It was soon apparent that nothing could be done to save the factory, with the exception of the detached warehouse.

Peers' N. Davidson, Montreal, appeared on behalf of Sir Hugh Graham, while Mr. Bailey, Quebec, took L. T. Marchand's place as counsel for Messrs. Nichols and MacNab, of the Montreal Mail. Mr. Marchand, being one of the legal advisers of Sir Hugh Graham, decided not to participate in that part of the proceedings in which the proprietor of the Montreal Star figured.

Ed. Keyes, detective stenographer for the Burns agency, was taken through his notes referring to the reported conversation between "Mr. Sampson" and Achille Bergevin, in which the former offered the member of the council \$200, by Alime Geoffrin, lawyer for Messrs. Berard and Bergevin.

What Detective Said.
Alex. Appleby, Burns' chauffeur, who listened on the telephone at the Chateau Frontenac, on January 13, to an interview between Mr. Biddinger and Mr. Mousseau, deposed that the detective said he would give Mr. Mousseau \$400 for Mr. Devarennes. On January 14, Mr. Mousseau returned the \$400, and asked for \$2,000 for Mr. Devarennes. Witness, however, Mr. Maloney, says he gave Mr. Mousseau the \$400 back, and \$600 besides for Mr. Devarennes, and (Continued on page 11.)

CONTRACTORS TO
REPEAL GROCERS'
CLOSING BYLAWThirty Per Cent of Men in
Business Secure Rescinding

MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT

Garbage Zone Will Be Extended
on Recommendation
of Superintendent.

Acting on a petition carrying 94 signatures, the board of control this morning decided to recommend the preparation of a bylaw to repeal the grocery early closing bylaw passed some weeks ago.

E. T. Eassey, K. C., on behalf of those opposed to the compulsory closing bylaw, was present to press the claims of his clients. City Clerk Samuel Baker advised that the law required the signatures of thirty per cent of the total number of grocers in the city to have the bylaw repealed, and declared that the document was sufficiently signed.

The controllers, having no other option in the matter, gave instructions for the rescinding of the measure. Controller W. G. Coles expressing his belief that it was not a proper thing anyhow to tell a man at what hours his business should be conducted.

It is said that following the repeal of the bylaw, another petition will be presented asking for a new compulsory closing measure, but allowing the grocers to keep open Saturday nights and the nights before holidays. Under the present bylaw all grocery stores must close not later than seven o'clock every night.

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[Canadian Press.]

The firemen gave their attention to protecting surrounding property. Houses in Danger.
The home of John Johnson, Glebe street, caught fire, and a strong stand had to be made here to prevent further spread of the flames. All houses in the block were emptied of their furniture, and much water had to be used on them.

Valuable assistance was given the firemen by the shop brigade, of the Goldie & McCulloch Company, whose big plant is across the street from the gutted factory. This place would undoubtedly have been destroyed had the wind been from the north instead of the south. The water from the new electric pumps and one steam pump giving an average pressure of 180 pounds.

At 10 o'clock the fire was still burning.

The insurance, so far as can be learned, on the Shurley Dietrich plant is \$35,000.

REPEAL OF TOLLS
EXEMPTION WILL
MEET OPPOSITIONSome Democrats Announce
Intention of Fighting
the Same.

NOW BEFORE CONGRESS

British Press Thinks President
Wilson Will Succeed—More
Dignified Than Arbitration.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, Feb. 6.—Repeal of the toll exemptions provision of the Panama Canal law was before Congress today as an administration measure backed by President Wilson.

Although repeal of the section which would give free passage to American coastwise ships through the great waterway involves a practical repudiation of one of the planks of the Democratic platform adopted by the Baltimore convention which nominated President Wilson, administration leaders were sure of prompt action in the House, and began lining up their forces in the Senate, where the hardest fight will come. Some Democrats here are avowedly in opposition to the President's wish, and have announced their intention of fighting his proposal.

A message to Congress, probably delivered as soon as conference develop the administration's course of action. Repeal of the toll exemptions will be in violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

BRITISH PRESS SAYS.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Feb. 6.—Several of the morning newspapers print editorials today on President Wilson's announcement that he would use his influence to have the Panama Canal law amended so as to exempt coastwise vessels from the payment of tolls.

The Daily News says experience has shown that President Wilson's use of his legitimate influence is, for practical purposes, irresistible.

Repeat More Friendly.
The Daily Chronicle, expressing the hope that President Wilson will carry the Senate with him, remarks that it makes little difference whether the objectionable clause is repealed or arbitration is introduced, since it is unable to conceive that any arbitration court would decide the issue otherwise than in favor of Great Britain. The Chronicle thinks, however, that repealing the clause would be the more friendly, dignified and courteous course to pursue.

Parcel Post Will
Open on Tuesday
Not Over 11 Lbs.System Will Be Inaugurated by
Sending of Gift to the
Governor-General.

[Special To The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—On Tuesday morning a mail carrier will go from the Postoffice Department to Rideau Hall with a leather mail bag from Hon. L. P. Pelletier to his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. What the big is to contain has not been decided, but its transmission will mark the formal and official opening of the parcel post service in Canada. Preparations for the service are well completed, and on Tuesday next almost everything not over eleven pounds can be handed to the postmaster and its transmission demanded.

ORANGES GROW HERE

Thrive in Home of Wellington Street

W. T. Brown, 565 Wellington street, has something of a novelty growing at his home, which consists of an orange tree, bearing two large oranges, and a number of green ones in different stages of development. The fruit is of excellent size, and is apparently thriving.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL

TEMPERATURES
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 12 hours preceding 8 a.m. today:
Highest, 28; lowest, 17.

The official temperature for today:
Highest, 21; lowest, 15.

TOMORROW—SLEET OR RAIN.

Forecast: snow this evening, tonight and on Saturday, turning locally for a short time to sleet or rain.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations: High. Low. Weather.
Victoria..... 32..... 30..... Cloudy
Winnipeg..... 9..... 18..... Cloudy
Calgary..... 12..... 30..... Clear
Port Arthur..... 6..... 4..... Cloudy
Parry Sound..... 14..... 4..... Cloudy
Toronto..... 22..... 12..... Cloudy
Ottawa..... 8..... 10..... Cloudy
Quebec..... 12..... 14..... Clear
Montreal..... 12..... 14..... Clear
Father Point..... 8..... 14..... Clear
Minus (—) means below zero.

The southwest depression mentioned yesterday has now become important, while the intense cold continues throughout the West.

The outlook is decidedly stormy from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces.

WAS SOLD TO PRIVATE PARTIES



McCormick property on Grand avenue, wanted for school or university purposes, was snapped up by Copp Brothers for about \$25,000. They say they are willing to consider any offer.

OLD BOYS' SHOWS
TO BE ON MARKETControllers Faced With Big Petition and T. and L.
Indorsation Grant Request of Home Guard
Executive

The carnival shows in connection with the Old Boys' Reunion in August will be placed on Covent Garden Market. The board of control this morning acceded to the request of the executive of the London Old Boys' Association, and recommended that the privileges of the market be given to the Old Boys' Association.

The question of a grant of \$1,000 to assist in the paying of the expenses of the reunion, will be taken up when the estimates are being prepared, the mayor stating that he anticipated no difficulty on this score. This amount was set aside by the city at the last reunion, but it was not found necessary to use it.

Ministers Were Absent.
Contrary to expectation, members of the local Ministerial Association and Men's Federation, who were opposed to the bringing of shows to the city, and particularly to locating them on the market, failed to show up. The ministers contended themselves with sending a letter, in which they suggested that the reunion open on Friday, this affording an opportunity, they thought, of making the church services on Sunday a feature of the week. They opposed the carnival of shows, and suggested music and athletics as a suitable entertainment menu.

The Trades and Labor Council, however, sent in a letter indorsing the use of the market for the shows, and there was also a petition from more than one hundred and fifty leading businessmen, the majority of them having stores located near the market, asking that the request of the association be granted.

The Mayor Objects.
The mayor objected to the use of the market for such purposes, but the controllers felt that they could not oppose the desires of such a large number of citizens who believed the market to be a suitable place for the performances.

The president of the association, Lieut.-Col. Dr. Harry R. Abbott, Judge W. H. Chittick, Treasurer James S. Bell, Finley Marshall, Fire Chief John Aiken and others, were present to discuss the proposition with the controllers. President Abbott pointed out that it was the desire of the association to secure the market privileges, for it was from the shows that the necessary funds were derived to run the reunion.

Chief William Will Be Censor.
The officers of the association pointed out that only the best class of shows would be brought in, and the mayor advised that Chief of Police W. T. Williams would be given an absolutely free hand in determining what was fit and proper to be shown.

The executive of the association will have a meeting within the next few days to discuss the amusement privileges and further plans for the reunion. Already thousands of circulars have been sent out and there is every prospect that the Old Boys' reunion of 1914 will surpass anything of its kind ever held in the Forest City.

\$10,000,000 More

Debt This Month
Than Last Year

Total Revenue Has Gone Down

—Expenditures Have

Advanced.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—The total net debt of the Dominion up to the end of January was \$814,882,870, an increase of \$10,821,765 for the month, according to the country's financial statement, issued today.

Total revenue in January was \$11,529,752, compared with \$13,442,375 in the same month last year. Expenditure for January was \$17,100,445, as against \$15,649,749 in January of 1913.

For the first ten months of the fiscal year, revenue totals \$129,101,516, compared with \$138,019,925 in the corresponding period.

MONEY SITUATION
STARTS TO EASE;
NORMAL BY SPRINGLeading Financier Declares
Money Is Pouring in
From American
Capitalists.

One of London's leading financial men stated today that there were positive evidences that the money situation was commencing to ease.

Large amounts of capital from Chicago are being sent into the Canadian West for loaning purposes, and bonds are becoming more flexible.

"There is no doubt in my mind," he said, "that by the spring, conditions will be almost normal again. There are signs that cannot be mistaken. The banks are giving money more readily, and there seems nothing to prevent a return to prosperity."

CLINTON REPORTS
FINDING OF LOST
STR. JOHN M'GEANHulk Is Observed Off Naftal's Point and Discoverers
Attempt to Reach Wreck Over Soft Ice.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Clinton, Feb. 6.—What is believed to be the hull of the John M'Geen, the big freighter that foundered during the big storm of last November, has been seen off Naftal's Point, according to information received here. Sightseers who attempted to get closer to the boat made their way out into the lake on shore ice for half a mile. Cracking of the ice floes prevented them from gaining any position where the objects could be positively identified.

HALF A MILE FROM OTHER.

The hull of what is believed to be the M'Geen is half a mile from the other one, supposed to be that of the Carruthers. During the soft spell, when the ice broke up along the shoreline with the choppy sea, the two remains of what had once been the pride of the lakes were observed from shore.

WOULD LIGHTEN BOATS.

According to lake vesselmen, the heavy running sea may have raised them slightly, causing the bottoms to break open, with the result that part of the cargoes would slip through, lightening the boats by the combined action of wind, waves and ice.

EXPECT MORE BODIES.

Expectations of more bodies being washed ashore by spring storms are held by all lake shore folk, and preparations for a beach patrol, through the more sparsely settled lake front townships is being made.

The theory that more bodies will be brought ashore is borne out by the fact that the foundered boats were all heavily laden with merchandise. With the gradual pounding of the ice floes on the outside of the hulls and the floating cargo on the inside it is expected that they will break apart when the ice goes out.

HOGS DYING BY SCORE;
MEAT SALE IS STOPPEDMysterious Deaths Attributed to Infected Hog Food, and
Authorities Take Steps to Prevent Meat Being Sold
to Londoners.

Some sensational facts in regard to some of the varieties of pork which citizens are liable to purchase will be drawn to the attention of the board of health at its next regular meeting as a result of the death of a large number of hogs in Westminster, London and other township in the past couple of weeks.

It came to the notice of the authorities that a number of hogs were dying mysteriously. Investigation showed that one man alone had 35 hogs die out of 35 he owned since January 11. Other similar cases were reported and inquiry was at once made in regard to how the animals were being fed, and it was discovered that they had been eating uncooked refuse obtained from the city hotels, the hospital, restaurants and other sources.

Will Stop Sale.
As a result the board of health will take prompt action to stop the sale to citizens of any such meat. A report recently issued by Dr. Torrance, of Ottawa, the veterinary director-general, shows that in Ontario last year there were almost twice as many cases of hog cholera as in the twelve months preceding. Essex and Kent Counties suffered especially. No less than 224 cases were reported in the province, and in these 4,861 hogs were destroyed. These were valued at \$41,847. Of the animals slain 2,683 were killed in North Essex, and 531 in South Essex.

Traced to Food.
The report points out that in nearly every instance the outbreaks could be traced to farmers having fed their hogs on uncooked refuse. The feeding of old bacon rinds was a prolific source of infection, the theory being that the rinds came from animals already suffering from the disease.

The report says in part: "Hogs have been scarce in Canada during the past year. Pork has been high, and in consequence large quantities of hams and bacon have been imported from the States. Hog cholera has been more prevalent along the line than at any time in the past 20 years."

Destroy Hog Food.
This, it is thought, has been the cause of many of the cases in Ontario. The animals having been fed on rinds, etc. uncooked. Other garbage is almost as bad, and the board of health intends to have all such "hog food" destroyed in the incinerator instead of being given to animals which are sold back to citizens as "good meat."

IN THE LOWER HOUSE.
At the resumed session of the Lower House committee, Armand Lavergne asked for a subpoena for Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, who introduced Mr. Carpenter to J. O. Mousseau. The committee acceded to Mr. Lavergne's request.

MOUSSEAU NO BETTER.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Feb. 6.—No change for the better was reported today in the condition of Mr. J. O. Mousseau, whose name has figured prominently in the alleged graft charges at Quebec.

DEATH LIST AT LIMA.

[Canadian Press.]
Lima, Peru, Feb. 6.—During the course of the rising at Lima eleven persons were killed and 27 wounded. The former president, Guillermo Billinghurst, and his son are still in prison, incommunicado.

TILLSONBURG WOMAN SHOT
TO DEATH BY HER ADMIRERMrs. Pritchard Had Been Living in California For Eight Years
—Separated From Husband—First of Sixteen
Children to Die.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Tillsonburg, Feb. 6.—Shot to death by the man who had professed love for her and wanted to marry her, the body of Mrs. Lydia Pritchard, aged 42 years, daughter of the late William Pritchard, of this town, was brought here today from California, Cal., where she met her death four days ago.

Murder and Suicide.
Separated from her husband, Mrs. Pritchard had lived the past eight years in California, and during that time she acquired an admirer, who wanted to marry her. They had been very friendly for some time, but four

days ago, they quarreled, and the man shot Mrs. Pritchard dead and then turned the gun on himself, committed suicide.

Mrs. Pritchard's mother died in June last, having survived her husband several years, and this sad death of the daughter is the first break in a family of sixteen boys and girls.

The body was brought home by a brother, Martin, and her son, Cecil, aged 10 years, to the home of another brother, John Pearce, of Tillsonburg. The funeral will take place at Springfield Cemetery.

BRANCH LIBRARY
FOR EAST LONDON
NOW PROPOSEDEx-Ald. Thomas Gillean Plans
Proposition Before the
Library Board at In-
augural Meeting.

London will in all probability have a branch public library before the year is ended. A proposition for an East London library was placed before the library board by ex-Alderman Thomas Gillean at the inaugural meeting last night and favorably discussed.

The last payment on the sinking fund, with interest, will be paid on the present library in the course of a month or so, and when this is paid over the board will have a handsome surplus left. It is Mr. Gillean's idea to take this sum and the half-million set aside for library work and use it in purchasing property and building a branch public library in the eastern section of the city.

PROGRESSIVE EDMONTON.

[Canadian Press.]

Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 6.—The Edmonton City Council approved an expenditure of \$2,164,196 for sewer extensions and \$1,125,330 for water extensions. Sewer extensions are planned to serve a city of 20,000. Seven hundred and thirty thousand two hundred and forty-five dollars will be spent on permanent paving and \$114,734 for concrete walks.